

Maine EMS Exam Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2006

De Champlain Conference Room, Augusta

Minutes

Present: Jacky Vaniotis – Chair, Joanne LeBrun (via videoconference), Gary Utgard,
Bill Zito

Absent: Rick Doughty, Bob Hawkes, Travis Norsworthy, Trisha Coleman, Kelly Roderick

Guest:

Staff: Drexell White

1. Call To Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m.

A. Assign Timekeeper – Jacky

B. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

a. **EMT Test – EOA (Joanne)**

b. **EMT-I Practical (Bill)**

2. Minutes – February 21, 2006, meeting minutes - review for acceptance

The minutes of the February 21, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the February 21, 2006, meeting (LeBrun; Zito - motion carries).

3. Old Business

A. Computer Adaptive Testing/Task Analysis

Staff reported back that 5 of the 6 regions reported estimated practical exam delivery costs resulting in a mean cost of \$36.00 per student with a median cost of \$46.00 per student. This amount does not consider the cost of creation and maintenance of a defensible written exam.

The options for written test administration that have been discussed by the committee over the last several months are:

- Maine developed and maintained
- Development and maintenance by a third party with Maine delivery
- Third party developed, maintained and delivered

After considering the aforementioned options, the committee came to the conclusion that the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) Computer Adaptive Testing was the most viable, given the cost of exam development and delivery.

Motion: To recommend to the Maine EMS Board that the National Registry of EMT Computer Adaptive Testing be used as the state written exam at the First Responder and EMT-Basic license levels (Utgard; Zito – motion carries)

Staff will develop a summary for the Board presentation. G. Utgard agreed to present the recommendation at the May meeting of the Board.

B. IPE Evaluation Concerns

Staff reported that the joint Exam/Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at Maine EMS. The purpose of the joint meeting is to review the integrated practical exam (IPE) process that commenced last fall.

C. “3 Strikes” Policy – Nothing to Report

D. ALS IPE – No Action

E. Paramedic Written Exam – No Action

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in the de Champlain conference room at Maine EMS in Augusta.

A. Set Agenda

- 1. Computer Adaptive Testing - 90**
- 2. IPE Evaluations/ Concerns - 30**
- 3. “3 Strikes” Policy - 30**
- 4. ALS IPE**
- 5. Paramedic Written Exam**

6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White